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**DATELINE**

## Lemon Grove Historical Society holds rummage sale

**LEMON GROVE**—The Lemon Grove Historical Society will sell fabulous castoffs at its annual rummage sale on April 24 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 7715 Church Street (corner of Olive). All proceeds will benefit The Parsonage Renaissance Project, the 1897 building that the Society is renovating as Lemon Grove's first-ever museum.

Building materials, furniture, a sewing machine, clothing, housewares, craft items, bicycles, collectibles and hundreds of small items in the 25 and 50 cent range will delight rummagers of all ages. To donate items, or arrange pick up for large items, call 462-7632.

## El Cajon Youth Summerstock Theatre looking for teen actors

**EL CAJON**—The El Cajon Youth Summerstock Theatre is currently enrolling teenagers who love to sing, dance and display their talents on stage.

The El Cajon Youth Summerstock is a non-profit organization and is open to students entering 8th grade up to graduating high school seniors from any school area. Enrollees participate in all aspects of musical theater productions and learn more about the theatrical arts and helping stage two Broadway Productions!

The programs runs June 21 through August 14. To reserve a spot and obtain information and an application, call Barry Bosworth at Summerstock at 440-3237.

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## Surf alum make waves at Helix

By Jason Williams

*Correspondent*

Amidst palm fronds, a large screen displaying surfing videos and boards, old and new, lining the gym walls, Helix High School launched its "50 Years of Surf History: A Surfer's Reunion," gathering alumni together who represent Rusty, Leucadia Surfboards and Hobie Boats to present a educational event for the current students and a walk down memory lane for the alumni.

The event took place on April 17—the first weekend after a series of storms to provide perfect surfing weather.

The event is just one of many in the works for the Helix High School Alumni Association. The group organizes the events with two major goals in mind and a lot of hope for the future.

The idea is to get alumni together and back on campus in ways which interest them as well as the students currently on campus. The surf event is an example of this linking the generations by taping

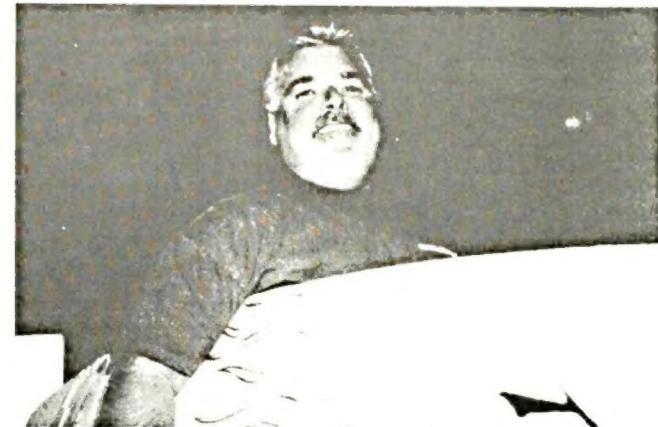
into a popular sport of the past which is still popular with today's youth.

The hope is that as more and more of these events take place, the alumni will become more involved with their old campus and help enrich the education the students on campus are currently receiving by bringing their experiences and careers since leaving Helix back with them, and sharing them with the students.

Jerry Lund, class of 1966, one of the minds behind the popular brand name Rusty, represented his company at the event. Lund, a San Diego State University graduate, worked with G&S and Op. before co-founding the Rusty label.

Lund started surfing while attending La Mesa Junior High School and continued surfing throughout his four years at Helix and most of his life thereafter. He graduated from Helix in the top 10 percent of his class, made the honor role and played baseball for the Highlanders.

Lund says he has strong memo-

**Jerry Lund**

ries of the education he received, the teachers, classes and kids he grew up with in what he referred to as a "tight community."

When asked about the alumni's latest moves toward campus improvement, Lund commented that "because of budget cuts, the com-

munity has to get together and fix up the schools. Parents and alumni have to be involved." The surf event saw many old and new faces and looks to be paving the way for more alumni oriented events at Helix High School geared toward improving the quality of education.

## Lemon Grove Soroptimists award scholarships

**LEMON GROVE**—Soroptimist International of Lemon Grove has awarded its annual Women's Opportunity Award of \$1,000 to Carmen Perez, a single mother of five, and its Youth Citizenship Award of \$500 to Yanhua Li, a Helix High School senior, announced Soroptimist President Mary Shelley.

### San Diego Blood Bank at Santa Sophia Catholic Church

**SPRING VALLEY**—The San Diego Blood Bank invites the public to give blood when the "BC 7/39 Bloodmobile" stops in the meeting room of Santa Sophia Catholic Church, 9800 San Juan St., Spring Valley on Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All donors at this drive will be recognized with a San Diego Blood Bank t-shirt. Each donor will also receive a medical history review and mini-physical which includes blood pressure, pulse, temperature and an iron level check.

The process of donating blood takes only about one hour. Anyone 17 and older who weighs at least 110 pounds and is in good health may be eligible to give blood. A good meal is recommended prior to donation.

The San Diego Blood Bank supplies more than 50 hospitals in the San Diego, Imperial, Orange, Los Angeles and Southern Riverside County area. It was established as an independent, non-profit organization in 1950 through the support of the San Diego County Medical Society.

Perez, an Imperial Beach resident, is an employee and a student at Southwestern College, where she maintains a grade-point average of 3.11 and is earning a degree in administration of justice. Her goal is to become a probation officer, increase her knowledge of computers, and continue her education to earn a degree in sociology.

"By the time kids end up in the juvenile system, they are desperate and angry," she said. "As a probation officer, I intend to show them I care and want to help them find safety and peace of mind. This award will go a long way to helping me reach my goals," said Perez.

Yanhua Li has served in the Peer Mediation Program at Helix High for three years. She volunteers for the March of Dimes, San Diego Rehabilitation Center, St. Vincent de Paul, and Alvarado Hospital. An honors student, her goal is to become a doctor and pursue clinical research in cancer-related illnesses. Her interest in medicine is motivated in part by her own suffering from Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura, a blood platelet deficiency.

"I hope that by becoming a doctor, I can help to rid others of their pain and agony. As the first person in my family to go to college, the award will help me fulfill my life-

long dream," said Li.

The Women's Opportunity Award aids mature women, who are heads of households and must enter or return to the job market. Candidates must be completing undergraduate programs or entering vocational or technical training programs.

The Youth Citizenship Award recognizes outstanding contributions made by young people to home, school, and community.

Carmen and Yanhua's achievements exemplify the purpose of the awards," said Shelley. "Carmen is a courageous woman who has become a true role model for her children. Yanhua is a gifted student and a compassionate person who will go far in life. We are proud of them both."

Lemon Grove Soroptimists, now in its 41st year of community service, raises funds for its scholarship awards and other activities through rummage and craft sales, membership fees and donations, dinners and other annual events. For more information, call 460-1710.

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# Karina Brown crowned Miss Spring Valley

**Communications major crowned April 17 at Cuyamaca College**



## By Jason Williams

Karina Brown, an international communications major at Cuyamaca College, was crowned Miss Spring Valley 1999 during the April 17 pageant held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Spring Valley.

In addition to her crown, Brown was also recognized as Miss Photogenic and

received the Ad Award for selling the most ads to help sponsor the event and the event program.

The audience was filled with area queens from around the county to witness the crowning of the new queen, support friends among the contestants, and, as in the case of Miss Lemon Grove, support her best friend, the outgoing Miss Spring Valley 1998, Corina Wilkes.

Had one of the contestants been a technical major or a sound technician, she would have won hands down for being able to fix the technical problems which got the event off to a rocky start and plagued the pageant throughout the dance and vocal numbers, even going so far as to force one vocalist to sing a capella — a commendable performance.

The Spring Valley court will be composed of three girls in

addition to the queen this year with the induction of the Miss Congeniality winner as part of the court along with the first and second runners-up.

Lauren Vinson, a 17-year-old West Hills High School student, was awarded the position of Miss Congeniality. Vinson is intent on pursuing a bachelor's in child psychology after graduation. First runner-up was Carina Vellone, a Monte Vista High School graduate currently pursuing a communications degree at California State University San Marcos.

Second runner up, Jessica Townsend, is a 17-year-old Mount Miguel student graduating with a grade-point average of 4.1 and heading to San Diego State University in the fall as a biology major.

Presentation of the awards followed a tearful farewell from Miss Spring Valley 1998 as she thanked all those who helped her throughout her reign, including current and past regional queens, family members and Spring Valley supporters.

The Miss Spring Valley pageant is

open to 17-year-old seniors and girls ages 18 - 24 who compete in a variety of categories for the crown. The first Miss Spring Valley contest was held in 1944 in conjunction with a Spring Valley Country Fair, according to a pageant publication. It was called a Bathing Beauty Contest and was sponsored by the Spring Valley Chamber of Commerce. In the late 1940s, the contests were not judged, but winners were determined by the sale of admission tickets.

There is no evidence to suggest that contests were held in 1950 and 1951, and they were discontinued from 1955 to 1959. In 1952 a joint venture between La Mesa, Lakeside and Spring Valley was planned to determine three winners from each community; however, no girls from Spring Valley participated. Contests were held in Spring Valley in 1953 and 1954.

After the late 1950s' lull, the pageants were resumed in 1960 and are presently sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

## Magnolia Festival of the arts

ELCAJON—The Magnolia Festival of the Arts will be held on Saturday and Sunday in El Cajon at Magnolia Avenue from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

The festival features fine artists and artisans, music by Hollis Gentry, The Offbeats, String Money, Cavu, food booths and clowns and other entertainment.

The Magnolia Festival of the Arts has been delighted to feature the dynamic works of master painter Amado Pena, acclaimed for his landscapes of Canyon de Chelly, Monument Valley, Enchanted Mesa and Acoma. Pena, a Mestizo of Mexican and Yaqui ancestry, celebrates the strength of a people who meet the harsh realities of life in an uncompromising land and his work is a tribute to these Native Americans who survive by living in harmony with an adversarial, untamed environment.

The event is free. For more information, call the East County Regional Chamber of Commerce at 440-6161.



## Cuyamaca College hosts fifth annual free career fair

RANCHO SAN DIEGO—More than 50 employers will gather on campus to offer information on their businesses and hiring needs at the 5th annual Cuyamaca College Career Fair from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday. The fair, originally scheduled for early April, was canceled due to rain.

Many of the companies that are attending the Career Fair will interview and hire new employees on the spot. Others will share information and collect resumes. Attached is a list of career fair participants from a range of area businesses including law enforcement and government agencies. April is the month most retailers and many other employers hire particularly for summer employment. Participants should bring a resume and dress for an interview. The career fair is free and open to the public.

This is the last event of April's Spring Fest '99. It will be on the Main Quad on the campus at 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway. For more information, call 660-4437.

Career Fair employers who will participate include:

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Alvarado Hospital Medical Center  
American Red Cross  
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California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection  
California Highway Patrol  
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City of El Cajon  
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## Grossmont College Foundation gives scholarships to resourceful students

**El Cajon—Grossmont College Foundation will present \$1,000 scholarship awards to 10 top students at the 37th annual Scholarship and Service Awards Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on April 30 in the Student Center on campus.**

Students receiving scholarships are Lily Caesar, Ung Cao, William Herrera, Randy Landenberger, Celeste Mackey, Christian Ness, Marta Noriega, Toni Renier, Darci Spiker and Wesley Shelton.

Applicants had to be full-time students, achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 and completed at least 12 units (or about four classes) at Grossmont College. A student's record of community and campus service was also an important factor in selecting the recipients.

"The caliber of students selected for these awards represents the educational success available to students attending Grossmont," said College President Dr. Ted Martinez Jr. "I'm impressed with the qualifications and goals of these 10 fine

students as well as their commitment and contribution to the community."

Lily Caesar lives in San Diego and is studying to be an orthopedic technician and then a physician's assistant. After 20 years working as an insurance underwriter, she decided to pursue her dream of working in the medical field. Caesar volunteers weekly at La Maestra Family Clinic, a non-profit clinic in City Heights, as well as volunteering with Neighborhood House and Meals on Wheels.

Ung Cao of San Diego, is majoring in biology and will transfer to San Diego State University in the fall and then continue on to medical school. Born in Vietnam, Cao's father was a high-ranking military officer in South Vietnam during the war and in 1975, was arrested and the family's home was seized. Cao, his mother and five younger brothers and sisters faced hardships until the government released Cao's father and let the family immigrate to the United States. k.

Spring Valley resident William Herrera, is majoring in sociology and plans to earn a doctorate and work as a counselor. His goal is to

open a clinic to help families recover from domestic violence. Herrera volunteers at Gage Elementary School and assists in the Early Childhood Ministry at Skyline Wesleyan Church.

Randy Landenberger of La Mesa, will graduate in June as a cardiovascular technician. He plans to combine cardiology with his storytelling and writing skills to be an advocate for cardiac care programs. He also wants to develop training software using three-dimensional animated models. Landenberger volunteers monthly with the San Diego Disaster Medical Assistance Team.

San Diegan Celeste Mackey, a single mother, is working toward her associate degree in Dietetics and will earn her associate degree next spring. She plans to combine her 20 years work experience in the food industry with her newly acquired dietetics education and work as a dietary manager in a skilled nursing facility. Mackey enjoys volunteering for her son's Boy Scout troop and at his school. She volunteers every Friday at Clairemont Senior Center assisting with lunch service and talking with senior citizens.

Christian Ness, of San Diego, graduated from Grossmont High School and is majoring in International Relations and Economics with minors in Spanish and German. She has coordinated the Great American Smokeout festival for the American Cancer Society.

Darci Spiker of Santee, is studying biology at Grossmont. She has a bachelor's degree in marketing and worked in sales until she decided to change careers. Her goal is to pursue a master's degree in Botany at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo next spring.

El Cajon resident, Wesley Shelton has traveled widely and lived overseas. From his experience, he believes in the importance of cross-cultural understanding and the important role the U.S. government plays in world. At Grossmont, he is majoring in communications and plans to pursue a bachelor's degree.

The scholarships are funded from proceeds of the foundation's annual dinner and auction. The foundation scholarships are among the numerous achievement awards and scholarships presented every year at the awards ceremony. Awards are made possible by donations from area service clubs, campus organizations, individuals and corporations.

San Diegan Toni Renier worked 25 years in business but after being robbed at gunpoint, she re-evaluated her life and decided to pursue a career using her artistic talent. She is majoring in Advertising and Graphic Design with plans to transfer in the fall to SDSU. Renier has

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## EDITORIAL

### No tears for convicted rapist

**T**here is a certain irony in the recent announcement by convicted rapist David James Robinson that he is suing the county sheriff, the county and the San Diego Union-Tribune, a large daily serving the city of San Diego, for emotional distress suffered over the announcement that he is a child molester.

He has, Robinson claims, been slandered and his civil rights violated.

Aside from the irony of a man who claims that he is better than the average child molester, because his crime of power was committed against an adult woman, rather than a child, Robinson's suit challenges the right and responsibility of media to contribute to the safety of the community it serves by publishing the names of adult sexual predators who reside within its boundaries.

The Union-Tribune did not go and dig up Robinson's name on its own; it did not promulgate baseless accusations of sexual predation; it simply published, along with a number of television stations (who were NOT named in the suit), San Diego County Sheriff Bill Kolender's announcement of the names of known offenders. Viewing him as a reliable source, the newspaper published those names in good faith.

If Robinson wins this suit, the result could be to chill the implementation of a state law that allows law enforcement to release the names of people convicted of sex offenses against both children and adults.

As an advocate for the communities we serve, *East County Community Newspapers* have a right and an obligation to publish the names and locations of convicted sex offenders that present a threat to residents in its service area. But, like many publications statewide, we are a small newspaper and could ill afford the legal hassles of a lawsuit: even if it were winnable, it would cost us money. An award to Robinson, would open the doors for anyone who experiences distress (and never mind that of his victims) to sue over the publication of his identity. In that case, *The Alpine Sun*, and every other small newspaper that would otherwise have provided this public safety information, would have to reconsider doing so. We hope the judge who hears this case thinks very carefully about these consequences. A decision in Robinson's favor could partially negate a well-intentioned state law that seeks to protect children and other potential victims from sexual predation by repeat offenders.

## PG PERSPECTIVES

### Looking for lost things

By Phillip Giannangeli

I'm a Loser

I'm at a loss to explain it. Which makes it even more difficult since what I'm talking about is losing things. How do you explain the who, what, when, where, why and how of things lost? Not easily, I assure you.

Recently I went shopping for a pair of light brown pants (I mention the color only because it has possible relevance in the finding part of this lost story). Tried one, the pants fit and were soon paid for. Thus began their journey to oblivion; brown blending in with so much of our planet. I think the pants may have made it home, but I wouldn't bet the farm on it.

After hours of searching every conceivable hiding place — I assumed they'd gone into hiding — and returning to the store to inquire of the very skeptical sales clerk about the possibility that my pants might have remained in hiding somewhere behind her counter, I reluctantly accepted the idea that those light brown pants will never hand in my closet. Whether they went into hiding, are lost, or were stolen (highly unlikely since nothing else seemed to be missing at the time), I've given up on ever seeing those pants again.

If you've never lost or "misplaced" things, then the range of emotions you go through is unfamiliar to you. But let me tell you, there is a protocol. And it's the same every time.

First, there's disbelief. "Can't be lost, I just had it a minute ago. I'll just retrace my steps." You can't face the reality that it's gone.

Next comes anger. "Damn \_\_\_\_\_ (you fill in the blank), where could it be? Didn't just get up and walk away." That's

when you kick a chair or slam your fist into your palm, sometimes painfully, thus causing more anger. The anger phase usually doesn't last too long, perhaps because of the pain sometimes associated with it.

Finally, acceptance and melancholy set in. "Gosh, I'm going to miss that favorite pen. It's gone. I'll probably never see it again." Sigh.

My chronicle of the lost includes many items. I once lost my checkbook. I was sure it had been spirited away to another planet. After my ritualistic swearing phase, I settled into acceptance, made easier because of my name. If you look at the top of this column, you'll see that my name is not the kind that would easily lend itself to forgery. But from disbelief, to anger, to acceptance, I did fret more than usual.

Many months later, guess what? The lost checkbook turned up. I wasn't sure how to handle this foundling as a lost item returning to my world was so uncharacteristic. I had difficulty adjusting. Besides I was several hundred checks beyond the ones in the lost book. I did, however, manage to use them, even though they were out of sequence.

In case you're one of those folks who want the "rest of the story", the lost checkbook had been in the passenger door of my daughter's car, some 500 miles away. She found it one day while cleaning her car and sent it to me. At least with that loss, I was able to fill in the who, what when and where. The how and why still elude me.

The biggest loss I ever suffered was my car. At least I thought I had lost my car. So too did my neighbor, Jim, who had accompanied me to an evening lecture downtown. I parked

in a five-floor parking garage and gave little thought to the specific location of my space because the garage wasn't that big. After Jim and I went around and around the several levels several times looking for the car (traversing a couple of levels three times), we finally found it. It was tucked behind a large concrete abutment I hadn't noticed when we parked there. We were winded and embarrassed as we climbed into the car and headed home. To this day, I have an overwhelming urge to trail bread crumbs when I leave my car in one of these modern mazes.

Losing something can be very troubling. Right now you may be bemoaning the fact that you've lost a few minutes of valuable time reading this. Fear not, all is not lost. You now know that there is indeed someone out there, with a long last name, who may be more inept than your spouse, sibling, offspring, or whomever when it comes to keeping track of stuff.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Warming hearts...

Editor:

Garth Brooks on the Padres stopped playing music and might never again warm the many hearts of loving children with his music. Heroes come and heroes go, but Garth Brooks music inspires loving magic to our hearts. I think Garth should keep playing his beautiful music with the children all around the world.

**Skyler Littlefield, age 7**  
**La Mesa**

### Congratulations....

Editor:

The Grossmont Union High School District is to be congratulated for finding a leader in Granger B. Ward from New York, but there are two questions that should be answered before Mr. Ward is formally appointed.

One is why Mr. Ward elected to leave the positions of principal and assistant superintendent?

The second is why there was no equally qualified or at least sufficiently qualified person in the Grossmont School District to fill the job of superintendent of our schools?

**Sherman Johnson**  
**Lemon Grove**

### Skateboarders...

Editor:

Time and time again skateboarders get kicked out of places where they are trying to have a good time and do what they like to do. They are told to go some where else. Communities need skate parks where skaters can do what they like to do with out other people harassing them.

The community looks down on skateboarders like they are a bunch of trouble making kids. But many skaters get good grades in school and are good kids who want to have fun like all kids do. I do understand how people get mad at skaters for waxing up their curbs and chipping their stairs. This comes along with the sport. So skaters need to have a place to legally do this!

Throughout the community there are signs posted that say no skateboarding. The police spend their valuable time trying to dethrone skaters of places. They confiscate skateboards, and issue citations. The business owners can tell skaters to leave but the skaters don't have any place to go. They keep coming back because skateboarding is what they like to do.

Skateboarders should stop complaining and try to do something about this problem. Business owners can then build skate parks in the communities so they wouldn't skate board on their property anymore.

Skaters need a skate park in their community where they can go and not worry about the police confiscating their skateboards and having business owners harass them. A skate park would also be a healthy happy environment for kids to go to it would also keep them off the street and out of trouble.

**Buddy Stewart**  
**La Mesa**

### Hepatitis B...

Editor:

Recently, your newspapers published an announcement regarding a requirement to vaccinate students for Hepatitis B before entering the seventh grade.

Your readers may be interested to learn of important recent developments concerning this particular vaccine and the risk of serious adverse reactions to it.

The governor of New Jersey last month vetoed placing the Hepatitis B vaccine on the required list in that state because of health risks. The government of France made the same decision last year.

Parent groups across the United States and Canada are working to remove the Hepatitis B vaccine from required vaccination lists to avoid exposing children to the risk of serious adverse reactions such as chronic arthritis, seizures, diabetes, symptoms resembling multiple sclerosis, and autoimmune and brain dysfunction following vaccination. The National Vaccine Information Center is a non-profit organization providing the latest information and scientific research. They can be reached toll-free at (800) 909-SHOT, or at their web site at [www.909SHOT.com](http://www.909SHOT.com). Parents are encouraged to inform themselves about the risks from Hepatitis B vaccination before their children get the shots. California state law protects the right of parents to choose to exempt their children from vaccination.

**Darrel Crain, Chiropractor**  
**San Diego**

## Supervisors request direct ramps to 94 from 125

By Joe Naiman

The extension of state Route 125 is anticipated to make traffic flow easier between the South Bay and East County. The Board of Supervisors wants to make sure that the extension doesn't make traffic flow more difficult for those using Highway 94.

The supervisors approved a letter to Caltrans to request that the state Department of Transportation construct direct freeway connector ramps linking westbound SR 94 vehicles to northbound SR 125 and linking southbound vehicles from 125 to eastbound 94. The letter also requests other necessary improvements, most notably freeway widening, to prevent a "bottleneck" situation once 125 is completed.

The Caltrans project consists of an additional 5.2 miles to connect SR 54 with 94 through 125. That segment is expected to carry 150,000 vehicles by the year 2010. The current alignment, which requires cars to exit onto surface streets and often stop at traffic signals, creates vehicles backed up at the freeway exit ramps.

"These backups onto the freeways are simply accidents waiting to happen," said Supervisor Dianne Jacob. Jacob notes that the extension of 125 will compound the problem if it is not corrected. The new highway will release additional vehicles onto 94 and the surface streets less than one mile from the interchange.

Because the freeway narrows from four lanes to three at this location, the increased traffic will create a bottleneck situation. "Vehicles heading east will face an additional obstacle," she said. The San Diego Association of Governments listed the complete freeway-to-freeway connection project in last month's transportation needs inventory, and last summer SANDAG ranked the completion of the 94/125 connector ramps as the most important freeway-to-freeway connection project for the region.

Adding the freeway-to-freeway interchange is expected to increase the \$267.2 million cost of the Highway 125 extension by about 18 percent, but county officials consider the cost worthwhile to prevent severe gridlock on those roadways. The letter received the support of Penny Halgren, the president of the Grossmont/Mount Helix Improvement Association.

"We look forward to remedying this situation," she said. Halgren said that Jack Phillips, the chair of the Valle de Oro Planning Group, had asked her to express his planning group's support of the project. The supervisors unanimously approved the letter supporting the direct connector ramps and freeway widening.

## Fugitive mother pleads guilty to child stealing

By Neal Putnam

SAN DIEGO—A La Mesa father was angered Monday after hearing news his ex-wife may get only one year in jail for stealing their three children in 1996 from a La Mesa school and keeping them on the run without school or medical attention.

Eugia Morse, 36, abruptly pleaded guilty Monday to three counts of child abduction an San Diego Superior Court Judge Gale Kaneshiro promised to grant her probation with one to three years in jail, and indicated she wouldn't sentence her to state prison.

"I'm nauseous, I'm very nauseous, very sick to my stomach to think that someone can do what she did and that's hardly a slap on the hand," said Robert Morse, 38, to television reporters getting his reaction to his ex-wife's possible sentence.

Eugia Morse pleaded guilty to all counts just two days before her preliminary hearing. Kaneshiro set sentencing for May 17. Morse remains in the Las Colinas Women's Detention Facility on \$1 million bail since her extradition from Dayton, Texas following her arrest on March 28. The children were returned to Robert Morse, and his second wife, Tracy, three weeks ago.

"It's like saying you're sorry but there are no repercussions for it, and I don't think she's even sorry," said Robert Morse. "I hope the court system does the right thing and we don't see an on going pattern of someone just getting slapped

on the hand for doing such a horrible thing to children."

Deputy District Attorney Gary Haehnle said there was no plea bargain with his office and added he thought Morse should be sentenced to the maximum term of six years in prison. "We made no deals. The sentencing is up to the judge," said Haehnle late Monday. Morse could face only one year in local custody, but the judge could order three one year terms and run them consecutively or concurrently.

"We are not necessarily in agreement that this is a probation case. But because of the lack of a prior criminal record, the judge felt this was a case that might be appropriate for probation," said Haehnle.

"My kids are no further in school

than they were 2 1/2 years ago.

They had no medical attention. You can't do that to children and then say that's OK to do," said Morse to television reporters. "I know without a doubt she'll try it again. That was the

second time. She failed the first attempt. She succeeded the second time. I'm pretty darn sure she's going to try it again," said Morse.

He said his 7-year-old son Alixander "has nightmares and comes down to sleep with us because he's afraid." Morse said his 10 year old daughter, Syna, is also afraid and Aja, now 12, "is the oldest one and caught up in the middle of everything," said Morse. He wonders how they were raised the last 2 1/2 years, telling television reporters the children appeared under

weight.

Another judge signed a temporary restraining order earlier that bars her from calling or writing her children for the time being. Eugia Morse is a 1980 graduate of Helix High School and married Robert Morse in 1984.

The couple divorced in 1994, and she originally had custody. A judge changed it in Oct., 1996, but the children were taken on Dec. 13, 1996, from Murdock Elementary School in La Mesa after a singing telegram caused a distraction that morning. A tipster in Texas recognized pictures of the kids on the Internet and notified police.

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# Lost oral history...

**By Bob Burns**

Last week, while having coffee with one of the regulars at Miss Donuts, I got to reminiscing with him about the early days of Lemon Grove. He has been a fixture in this morning group, which includes Ben Garland, Joe Whitaker, Mark Kunkel and others. His name is Steve Chance, and he unfolded a long dissertation about his part in our town's history. I told him that I would get a tape recorder to him after I returned from our San Francisco trip, and he could get it all down for posterity. Unfortunately, he died before I could do that.

Steve Chance was a fisherman who commandeered into the military with his boat for war duty. When he left the sea, he settled in Lemon Grove. He patronized the old Sonka store and did maintenance work for that family. He worked for our school district also, as did his late wife Della for many years. He helped remodel the old Masons Feed store, worked with Chan Mason and Leland Whitted, and was responsible for landscaping of the Van Zele property and others. Steve knew just about everybody, and had hundreds of stories to tell. But now they are gone forever because we, I, or somebody did not get them on tape.

I think it is sad that we lose such a venerable Lemon Grover, but what the real import of this piece is that we have lost valuable historical data. Now, there are still residents

here in the Grove that possess such golden anecdotes and stories. I would hope that this could stir up some interest in other of our senior citizens like Steve. I will be happy to arrange for a tape recorder and tapes to anyone who can talk about our past history. Older residents who were here during those days of yore, and experienced the times that will soon be lost without their help. You may not think that your ramblings are of importance, but they surely are.

For some time the Historical Society has been gathering such oral histories and urgently needs more. Church events such as the Rodeos, the Youth Center construction and uses, the various Post office locations, Michael's famous steaks, and Pal's. Coady's School of Music, the Sunkist Inn, Bill's Coffee Shop, and the various gas stations around town. There are so many stories in our past that must not be lost. The Lesson of Steve Chance must make us see that our history is preserved for all time.

Please contact me at Box BB, Lemon Grove, or the Society at P.O. Box 624. Also our historian Pete Smith at 463-7292 will be glad to refer you for this service. Or, any of the members of the Historical Society can facilitate the recordings. We now have a home in the parsonage on Church street where the archives of Lemon Grove are being compiled. Please help us make it as complete as possible.

**LETTERS**

## Could this happen?

**Editor:**

Could this happen? When will it happen? The cashier for the ARCO station located at Pal and Lemon Grove Ave. was held up around 8 p.m. After the Sheriff's sky-surveillance lasting one hour had ended, a citizen reported seeing a man crawl out of the open drainage ditch at the rear of the ARCO station.

This open eight foot deep ditch connects the underground storm drain system for the Pearce Manor properties completed in 1957.

Children have crawled through this approximately 5 ft. diameter concrete drainage system, by entering not only this open ditch but through the poorly designed grates along curbs in this neighborhood.

Recently this open ditch was cleaned out, but in the past it has contained trash, shopping carts, beds, sofas, etc.

It certainly meets the description of a health hazard and attractive nuisance. Currently the stagnant water is providing an ideal condition for mosquitoes.

I was informed that Atlantic Richfield, (ARCO) the same oil company charging over \$1.60 per gallon for unleaded gas, is the landowner where the open ditch exists.

R.L. Halverson  
Lemon Grove

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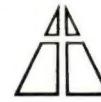
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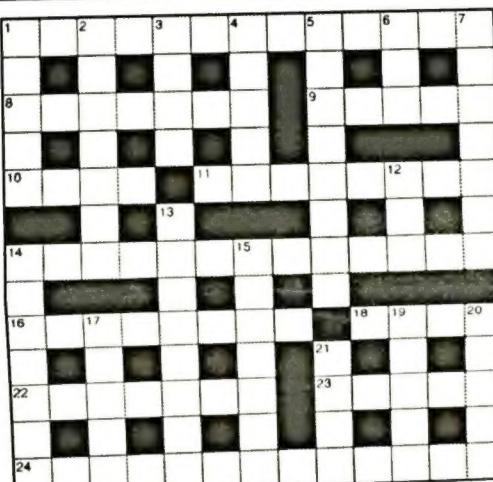
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The event is part of the celebration of Fair Housing Month. April is designated as Fair Housing Month throughout the Nation to commemorate the passage of the Fair Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental, lease, financing or negotiation for property on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. This year marks the 31st anniversary of this legislation that has created a better community for all people.

Frank Riley, community builder, with the Federal Department of housing and Urban Development will present the opening remarks.

Organizations with displays include: The El Cajon Resident Managers Support System, (RMSS), Access Center, San Diego County Apartment Association, Military Family Housing, Community Policing of El Cajon, D.J. Ryan, Author of *Renting to Children, Making it Work*, and Heartland Human Relations and Fair Housing Association.

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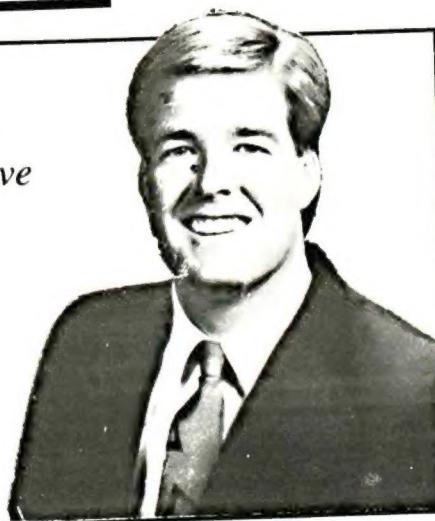
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# SPORTS

## Hello again sports fans...

Hello again sports fanatics and hello especially to the skeptic inside you who believes that absolutely **NOTHING** has happened in the wide world of professional athletics and local recreation that could possibly be of interest to you.

Well that's old-age thinking. The subject of sport is all around us.

**SportsBeat**  
By Greg Eichelberger

We're going to have to live with that.

For starters, the Padres took two out of three from the Dodgers (including Andy Ashby out dueling Kevin Brown); Wayne Gretzky, who once played hockey just up the road a piece, retired; SDSU alum Marshall Faulk was traded to the Rams; and, finally, the Lakers dumped that demented, cross-dressing crackpot, Dennis Rodman.

Closer to home, last week was a very good one for Maggie Escudero. Not only was the 17-year-old El Capitan senior voted "Most Popular Girl In San Diego" and "Prep Athlete of the Week" by TWO daily newspapers, but she also set a CIF record in the 100-meter hurdles, to boot. But it's not just her physical strength that's overwhelming (she regularly defeats boys twice her size in any sport you can imagine), but her beauty is unsurpassed, as well. You see Maggie won the 1998 Miss Teen Lakeside crown by the largest plurality since Jamie Beach, over 50,000 votes! She also carries a 5.0 grade-point average, has been on the Honor Roll since kindergarten, and plans to study micro-nuclear biology — not as a career choice, but just for FUN!

It was also a good week for the Monte Vista baseball nine, who upped their record to 15-4 by defeating West Hills (10-2) and El Cap (7-2), the latter victory occurring in the Grossmont Conference Tournament championship game. The win gained MV a little revenge, since the Vaqueros had upset the Monarchs, 4-1, the day before, it also allowed them to hold on to their status as the county's top-ranked team. Seniors Ryan Ewin and Royce Ring combined to stymie El Capitan's often-potent offense, while EC's defense committed two miscues and their pitchers gave up four bases-on-balls. In fact, Monte Vista only collected four hits,

all singles, but the errors and free passes had men in scoring position most of the afternoon. More baseball news, Granite Hills graduate, Brian Giles, who played in two World Series with Cleveland, was back in town this week as a member of the Pittsburgh Pirates. "It's great to be back in San Diego," he said. "I'm excited about playing in front of my hometown fans." The former Eagle didn't mention, however, that for the past three years, he's been a regular at Steve Vickery's East County Baseball Camp in Lakeside. But, then again, with me to remind you, he didn't have to say anything. Speaking of baseball camps, Randy Jones, Cy Young Award winner in 1976, will be holding a series of summer sessions devoted to developing and perfecting the skills of younger players,

ages seven to 18. The first session is June 21-24, the second, July 12-15, the third July 19-22, and the fourth goes from August 9-12 (all classes go from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.). A highlight includes the Daugard Line Drive Trainer, which offers a guaranteed 100 coached swings per day. In addition to Jones, other Major League-experienced instructors on hand will be Mark Grant, Jerry Johnson, Ed Herrmann, and others. For more information, call the camp at 744-8799.

Can ANYONE tell me why, after receiving the sympathy and genuine feelings of love and support from his Yankee teammates and the entire nation last season during his bout with colon cancer, that Darryl Strawberry would put himself in a position to be arrested on drug and solicitation charges? Could

it be that he's a moron? Could be, could be. This is the same guy who once had a fan ejected from Dodger Stadium for trying to catch a home run ball. He didn't interfere with anyone, just tried to grab it as it left the park. And while I wish to ill to anyone, I would like to see Mr. Strawberry just leave the game, and the rest of us fans alone. Thank you. One more bit of news from the diamond is that Beau Craig, who led the Grossmont Foothillers to the CIF title in 1997 and an appearance in the final in '98, belted a three-run HR and drove in five as his USC squad downed Santa Barbara, 11-1, last Friday.

The Gulls, who finished second to Tacoma (by a fraction of a percentage) in the West Coast Hockey League Founder's Cup race, will get a chance to avenge themselves

as they take on the Sabercats in the finals beginning this week. San Diego, which has won the last three championships, defeated Tacoma four-games-to-one in last year's affair. The following item was sent to me by a "DenCon":

"The Santee AYSO Division III Girls Spring Select team defeated Bonita, 4-0, on April 10." No other information was provided, such as who scored, who posted the shut-out, or where they go from here, but the thought was there. If you'd like your team or special athlete highlighted in this column, or in a full story (if they deserve it), just call me at 390-2975 (or E-mail ikeforum@juno.com, like "DenCon" did) and I'll put it in there. It's as simple and as intelligent as that. Until then, have a great sports week.



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# WEEKENDER

## VIDEO REVIEW

**By Diana Saenger**  
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**Basil'** A. Christian Slater and Jared Leto give outstanding performances in this intriguing set early in the century. Leto, as Basil, is a young aristocrat who disfigures his father when he falls in love with a woman beneath his station. John (Slater) befriends Basil and helps arrange the secret marriage that causes Basil's father to disinherit him. Cloaked in mystery, this film has twists along the journey to keep the viewer enthralled. An entertaining movie. Rated "R". Touchstone Home Video.

**The Thief** A. This classic belongs in every home video library. Set during Stalin's regime in post-war Russia, the movie looks at the world through the eyes of a 6-year-old boy, exquisitely played by Misha Philipchuk. As his unmarried mother struggles desperately to survive, she hooks up with a young good-looking soldier (Valdimir Mashkov). The boy soon discovers how this virile soldier managers to provide for them and how his methods become devastating for their future. The film won many awards in 1997 and is a passionate and heartwarming story. Rated "R". Available on DVD. Columbia TriStar Home Video.

**Beloved'** D. A good attempt by Oprah Winfrey to bring her heart story by novelist Tony Morrison to the screen. When former slaves Sethe (Winfrey) and Paul (Danny Glover) attempt to make a new life, Sethe's past spirits come alive to haunt them. Incredibly per-

formances by this cast, especially Thandie Newton, offer no help for this film. It's a three-hour yawn. Rated "R". Touchstone Home Video.

MGM Contemporary Classic Collection.' Father's Day gift giving just got easier with this collection highlighting some of Hollywood's most admired actors. Soylent Green stars Charlton Heston in a sci-fi classic about the diminishing world food supply. Walter Matthau and George Burns light up the screen as two out-of-work comedians in the Sunshine Boys. Defense of the Realm is a thriller about a reporter who uncovers a government scandal. Others in the collection include Lord of the Flies, Kelly's Heroes, and The Dirty Dozen with Clint Eastwood. MGM Home Entertainment.

**The Theory of Flight'** B. Fine actors Helena Bonham Carter (Jane) and Kenneth Branagh (Richard) add some interest and humor to an otherwise offbeat story of survival and love between two misfits. Jane has Lou Gehrig's Disease and wants to experience sex before she dies. For a dangerous stunt that he performed, Richard has been sentenced to community service and must take Jane on outings. But does community service work constitute finding someone a sex partner? Together, the two combine their goals and fantasies into a workable solution that brings results neither expected. Rated "R". New Line Cinema Home Video.

## COMING SOON...

Your weekly guide to area entertainment and events

**Octad-One** presents *The Dresser* by Ronald Harwood, a funny and touching drama directed by Wayne Alan Erreca, now-May 16, **The Octad-One Playhouse**, 10009 Maine Ave. Lakeside, 561-9823.

**The San Diego Junior Theater** presents the whimsical comedy *Annie Warbucks*, now-May 2, **Casa Del Prado Theater**, Balboa Park, 239-8355.

**UCSD San Diego International Film Festival**, now-June 4, 25 films, 534-0479.

**Lamb's Players Theatre** presents *Busman's Honeymoon*, a classic mystery, now-May 23, 1142 Orange Ave., Coronado, 437-0600.

**Coors Amphitheatre** presents Shana Twain, May 7, John Mellencamp, May 9, **Coors Amphitheatre**, Chula Vista, 220-TIXS.

The second annual insect fair at **Quail Botanical Gardens** features nature walks, bug experts, crafts, bug-eating and raffle prizes, April 23, 24, 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **230 Quail Gardens Drive**, Encinitas, (760) 436-3036.

Tickets now on sale for **San Diego Playgoer's Evita**, 220-TIXS. "WWII Through Russian Eyes," at the **Municipal Gym and Exhibit Hall** in Balboa Park, now-July 4, 239-4859.

**Del Mar Fair Horse Show**, now-May 9, **Del Mar Fairgrounds**. **St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church** presents "The Guitar Duo of Fred Benedetti and George Svoboda," April 25, 7 p.m. 6556 Park Ridge Blvd., free, 460-6442.

**Cinco De Mayo** in the Gaslamp, May 5, 5 p.m.-11 p.m. 233-5008.

## 'Life' *It's a wonderful life for Murphy and Lawrence*

**By Betty Jo Tucker**  
**Correspondent**

Spending 60 years in prison is nothing to laugh about, but Eddie Murphy and Martin Lawrence make it seem so in their new comedy from Universal Pictures.

These two gifted funnymen bring both humor and pathos to their roles as convicts with no chance of parole. Murphy's in-your-face comic delivery and Lawrence's hilarious reactive style, complement each other like drums and guitar in a classic jazz combo.

In this unique treatment of an old Hollywood theme, two small-time gamblers, framed for murder in 1932, receive life sentences at a Mississippi State Prison. Ray Gibson (Murphy) and Claude Banks (Lawrence) must learn to bond in order to survive during their long incarceration. In spite of constant bickering, they succeed because of their humor and spirit.

As Murphy (who also served as co-producer) explained in the production notes, "This movie is about what happens when two people genuinely have their lives stolen away from them. Yet they never give up."

Compared to other prison movies, *Life* is surprisingly refreshing. It explores relationships with a more upbeat approach than *The Shawshank Redemption* while dealing with prison life more seriously than *Stir Crazy*. Watching the two prisoners change as they grow older draws viewers into this



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### Eddie Murphy and Martin

film with unusual intensity. Credit for make-up that ages both actors so naturally goes to Rick Baker, the same artist responsible for Murphy's many transformations in *The Nutty Professor*. Baker won the first make-up Oscar ever awarded (for 1981's *An American Werewolf in London*).

Fans who enjoy Murphy's comedic talent may be surprised at the stunning dramatic ability he reveals in *Life*. Director Ted Demme (*The*

### MOVIE REVIEW

"Life"  
 — Rated R. Some Violence

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The Alpine Sun Rating  
 A — F  
 Great — Really Bad

Cast: Eddie Murphy, Martin Lawrence, Ned Beatty  
 Director: Ted Demme  
 Studio: Universal Pictures  
 Family Rating: Rated R, strong language and violence

*Ref*) calls Murphy "one of the funniest people that's ever walked on the face of the earth." According to Demme, "*Life* is the best stuff Eddie's ever done." High praise indeed, considering Murphy's impressive work in live concerts, recordings, television, and film.

Lawrence, star of television's long-running *Martin*, also shows considerable dramatic talent in *Life*. Happily, his latest role is a far cry from the cocky, unsympathetic nightclub owner he portrayed in *A Thin Line Between Love and Hate*, that forgettable movie Lawrence wrote and directed in 1996.

Murphy and Lawrence seem perfect casting choices for *Life*. By highlighting the value of friendship in any setting, their fine performances give this movie its humanistic appeal.

Unfortunately, pervasive use of crude language keeps *Life* from being for everyone. Still, this entertaining movie demonstrates that sharing experiences, even unpleasant ones, with a long-time companion can make all the difference. Bravo!

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# Annual Auction to benefit Mount Miguel School Band

**SPRING VALLEY**—The Mount Miguel Music and Specialty Corps Parents will be holding its ninth annual auction on Saturday. Preview will begin at 1 p.m., with the auctioneer commencing at 2 p.m. The auction will take place in the Mount Miguel High School Gymnasium, located at 1800 Sweetwater Road, Spring Valley.

The Marching Matadors have represented San Diego and California across the country and around the world including eleven Rose Parades! This year's 160 member band and color guard took Sweepstakes at the Casa de Oro and Mother Goose Parades and First Place at the prestigious Arcadia (Division C) Band Review. The Winter Guard, Drumline, Jazz Band and Pep Band are now performing and competing. It's Pops Concert, always a pull-out-all-the-stops show, is scheduled for May 25 in the school's

gymnasium. The public is welcome.

Among the treasures up for bid at this year's auction will be large gift baskets put together by band students. The director, Mr. Eric Weirather, promises a pizza party to the band section winning the highest bid on its basket.

There will be certificates and passes to local restaurants, theaters and amusement parks plus a variety of new items and services donated by businesses and supporters in the community. Parent volunteers hold the auction and other fund raisers (including a Christmas tree lot) to pay band expenses not covered by the school district.

The public is invited to attend and to bid on the array of treasures and bargains on display. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. Any questions can be directed to Gloria at 589-6361 or Pat at 262-4741.

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